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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCPANIS,

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION

CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YEO.

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ITEM NO: 1

DATE: 9 MARCH 1974

SUBJECT: MORE PROBLEMS IN FORMING LAO COALITION GOVERNMENT

REF : VIENTIANE 1429, 070222Z MAR 74, SECRET

PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA IS ENCOUNTERING FURTHER OBSTACLES  
IN HIS EFFORTS TO FORM A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT. MUCH OF  
THE BLAME RESTS WITH THE PATHET LAO LEADERSHIP IN SAM NEUA, WHICH  
HAS FAILED TO DISPATCH A SENIOR NEGOTIATOR TO VIENTIANE WITH A  
PROMISED LIST OF LAO COMMUNIST CANDIDATES FOR THE COALITION  
CABINET AND ITS ADVISORY POLITICAL COUNCIL. THE PATHET LAO ARE  
ALSO DEMANDING MORE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROCEDURES  
FOR NEUTRALIZING THE TWIN CAPITALS OF VIENTIANE AND LUANG  
PRABANG AS THE PRICE FOR FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD FORMING THE  
COALITION.

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PATHEE LAO PROGRAMSTINATION HAS PLAYED INTO THE HANDS OF SOUVANNA'S CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL OPPONENTS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. THEY ARE NOW DEMANDING CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO ADDRESS THE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE RAISED BY SOUVANNA'S PLAN FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE COALITION. HE WANTS DIRECT ROYAL INVESTITURE AND THE BYPASSING OF THE ASSEMBLY. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE KING TOO IS BACKPEDALLING FROM HIS ASSURANCES TO SOUVANNA THAT HE WOULD INVEST THE NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT PRIOR ASSEMBLY APPROVAL. E-2 IMPDET.h

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